



PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 27080U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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DIETRICH et al.

Serial No: 09/762,302

Examiner: SHEIKH, H. N.

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Art Unit: 1615

For: **ORAL ADMINISTRATION FORM FOR PYRIDIN-2-YL
METHYLSULFINYL-1H-BENZIMIDAZOLES**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated May 27, 2005. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired August 27, 2005. Accordingly, a Petition for a Three (3)-month Extension of Time is filed herewith, extending the deadline for response to November 27, 2005. Thus, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 21-42, cancel claim 43 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and add new claims 44-57 as outlined in Appendix A, entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.